



04/14/2011

POSTAL CUSTOMER
BURNT PRAIRIE POST OFFICE
BURNT PRAIRIE, IL 62820

Dear Postal Service Customer:

As the Postal Service manager responsible for all Post Offices in your area, I would like your opinion concerning a possible change in the way your postal service is provided. The recommended change is tentative and will not lead to a formal proposal unless we conclude that it will provide a maximum degree of regular and effective service.

The Postmaster at the Burnt Prairie Post Office retired on 09/30/2007. The Office is being studied for possible closing or consolidation for the following reasons: postmaster vacancy in addition to declining postal needs in the community. Effective and regular service can be provided to the community by alternate means.

Briefly, we would like to provide pickup and delivery of your mail, as well as the sale of stamps and all other customary postal services, by rural route service emanating from the Mill Shoals Post Office.

We estimate that carrier service would cost the Postal Service substantially less than maintaining the Post Office in your community and still provide regular and effective service. Enclosed is information about some of the services available from the carrier. Retail services are also available at the Mill Shoals Post Office, located 5.1 miles away. Hours of service at this office are 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. Post Office box service is available at this location at the same fees.

As always, you are welcome to continue using any neighboring facility that is convenient for you. Many customers in your community are already serviced by carriers in the area and this service will continue.

I invite you to think about a possible change to rural route service. Please return the enclosed questionnaire by 04/28/2011 using the pre-addressed envelope provided or at the community meeting. Please be aware that, if we formalize a proposal, your questionnaire will become part of an official record and will be available for public viewing.

You may, of course, want to discuss this form of service with us before drawing any conclusions. Postal representatives will be at the the Burnt Prairie Post Office on Thursday, April 28, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. to answer questions and provide information about our service. You may wish to discuss and submit your questionnaire at that time.

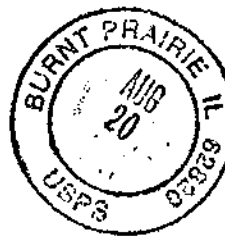
If you have any questions, you may call Sue Wandersee at (314) 436-3645.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

SHEM BARGER
Manager, Post Office Operations
1720 Market St Room 3000
Saint Louis, MO, 63155-9900

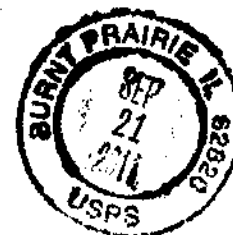
Enclosures:
Questionnaire and return envelope Summary of Post Office Change Regulations,
Carrier delivery information CBU information sheet (when appropriate)



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